

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 01	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 07/03/2002	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY Contracting Office USAID/Russia PSC 77 APO AE 09721		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)	CODE	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No. Street, county, State and ZIP: Code)			(4) X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. 118-02-009
				9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) June 14, 2002
				10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
CODE		FACILITY CODE		

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

X The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers _____ is extended, **X** is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning one (1) copy of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and data specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS,
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

(4)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor _____ is not, _____ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment No.1 is to provide the answers to questions received regarding the RFA as detailed on the following pages,

See next page

Except at provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Casey-Lynn Finnerty, Contracting Officer	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED 07/03/2002
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	

The following Questions and Answers are hereby included in the RFA:

Questions and Answers

1. Can USAID provide any explanation as to why Novgorod and Primorsky Krai were removed from consideration by USAID as focus regions in ARO 2, when in the comment paper they were included?

Answer: USAID reserved right to make changes to draft program description. Programs are well-established there and we consider intensive TA efforts would be better applied elsewhere at this stage. Novgorod Oblast and Primorsky Krai might be involved in networking and sharing of lessons learned activities and policy work to promote the child welfare reform Russia-wide.

2. With reference to page 17 of the RFA for ARO2, incumbents for key positions: The RFA indicates Applicant should propose either "two co-directors or a director and one deputy director - one expatriate and one Russian citizen". Is the expatriate/Russian citizen combination required in both the co-director and director/deputy staffing scenarios? If an expatriate must be involved in either staffing arrangement, does it need to be a U.S. expatriate? Also, can the Director be a Russian citizen with an expatriate deputy director? Is it allowable for both the Director and Co/Deputy Director to be Russian citizens?

Answer: The RFA requires the combination of "two co-directors or a director and one deputy director - one expatriate and one Russian citizen". We would like the required skills to be met, which includes Russian leadership in one combination or the other. The applicant should determine the best possible arrangement to propose. If you propose two co-directors then one should be a Russian citizen, another should be an American citizen; if you propose a director and one deputy director – the same, one should be a Russian citizen, another should be an American citizen.

3. Does USAID wish information on Past Performance References (i.e. previous USAID and other grants) to be incorporated into the narrative of the Technical Application (#3 Organizational Capacity and Past Performance), or included with the Technical Application as an attachment?

Answer: Information on Past Performance References (i.e. previous USAID and other grants) should be incorporated into the narrative of the Technical Application, however Past Performance references may be included as an attachment not to exceed list of 10 references pertaining to health, social work, and NGO development.

4. USAID indicates that ARO2 wishes to focus on NGOs but substantial efforts will also target government service providers. Can grants be given directly to local and regional government institutions or agencies? Will USAID please specify what the \$400,000 cap on funds this year for activities to directly assist

the GORF can be used for? Can it be for grants on a national level? Is a similar amount expected to be open for use beyond year one?

Answer: We want more sustainability, lessons learned, limited technical assistance. Assistance goes to NGOs, but training goes to government agencies and we encourage government participation. USAID provides technical assistance to the Russian Federation through consultants, workshops, trainings, etc. USAID does not provide grants to the central government, nor to any local government or municipalities. See page 19 of RFA, Section A. – Program Purpose and Description, Arabic IV. – Implementation and Management Approach, Latin G. – Level of Funding and Period of Performance, paragraph 1.

5. Page 10 of the RFA indicates Applicant will be expected to state the regions in which it wishes to work and justify its selections in a way to demonstrate knowledge of the child welfare situation in such regions; the potential to develop relations with local key stakeholders and/or innovative approaches to regional work and best practice dissemination. Given that the RFA also indicates it seeks only one Primary Recipient, does this indicate that USAID is open to proposals for services for specific regions only vs. the whole of Russia?

Answer: Please see page 15 of RFA, Section A. – Program Purpose and Description, Arabic IV. – Implementation and Management Approach, Latin A. – Contracting/Procurement Mechanism, paragraph 1.

6. Regarding Application submission, does USAID want ONLY the Technical Application on disk and none of the attachments? Does USAID want copies of Attachments made for the five hard copies?

Answer: Please see page 21 of RFA, Section B. – Instructions to Interested Parties in preparing Applications, Arabic 1. – Preparation of Application – General Information, paragraph No. 9.

7. What documents should be send to USAID by Russian entity (partner of prime American organization for this RFA).

Answer: Please see page 22 of RFA, Section B. – Instructions to Interested Parties in preparing Applications, Arabic 1. – Preparation of Application – General Information, Latin A. – Technical Application (Program Description) Information, paragraph No. 7.